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Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women

Draft resolution recommended by the Economic and Social Council

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions, in particular resolution 52/100 of 12 December 1997, on follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action, and agreed conclusions and relevant resolutions of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Economic and Social Council on the follow-up to the Conference,

Reaffirming the commitments made in the Beijing Declaration[1] and Platform for Action,[2]

1. *Decides* that the high-level plenary review to appraise and assess the progress achieved in the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women[3] and the Beijing Platform for Action, five years after its adoption, and to consider further actions and initiatives, should be held as a special session of the General Assembly for five days, from 5 to 9 June 2000;

2. *Decides* that the special session should reaffirm the commitment to the Beijing Platform for Action and further focus, *inter alia*, on obstacles encountered in implementation, as well as on strategies to overcome those obstacles, with a view to fully implementing the Platform, as well as to taking further action and initiatives;

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[1] *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

[2] Ibid., annex II.

[3] *Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.10), chap. I, sect. A.

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3. *Recalls* that, in keeping with General Assembly resolution 52/100, the Commission on the Status of Women will serve as the preparatory committee for the review and will be open-ended for the purposes of the preparations;

4. *Decides* that the preparatory work, which should be supported by inter-sessional consultations convened by the open-ended Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women as needed, will be carried out by the Commission at its forty-third and forty-fourth sessions in the years 1999 and 2000, respectively, and that the forty-third and forty-fourth sessions will be extended by five days each to complete the preparations;

5. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General in collaboration with the regional commissions to develop a standardized questionnaire with a focused set of indicators on all critical areas of concern as a framework to assist national Governments in their assessment of and reporting on the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action;

6. *Encourages* Governments, especially those that have not yet done so, to submit their national plans of action to the Division for the Advancement of Women of the United Nations Secretariat by September 1998 as an input to the start of the review during the forty-third session of the Commission and, in 1999, to submit information on their implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action, focusing particularly on positive actions, lessons learned, obstacles, key challenges remaining and a vision for gender equality in the next millennium;

7. *Invites* Governments to prepare their national evaluations on the implementation of the Platform for Action with the involvement of civil society;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite all entities of the United Nations system, including the specialized agencies, funds and programmes, to be actively involved in preparatory activities and to participate at the highest level in the special session, including through presentations on best practices, obstacles encountered and a vision for the future to accelerate implementation and address new and emerging trends;

9. *Encourages* appropriate regional preparatory activities for the special session, *inter alia*, by Governments in cooperation with the regional commissions, and recommends submission of the results as an input to the Commission at its forty-fourth session, in the year 2000;

10. *Invites* the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission at its forty-third session, in addition to the documentation already foreseen in the long-term work programme of the Commission for the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action, suggestions on further initiatives and actions that might be considered during the review, with attention to mainstreaming gender equality and to common trends and themes across the twelve critical areas of concern;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide in the report on emerging issues to be submitted to the Commission at its forty-fourth session, additional material on further actions and initiatives for the preparation of the outlook beyond the year 2000;

12. *Invites* the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women to provide information in 1999 on implementation of the Platform for Action, based on its review of reports of States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;[4]

[4] General Assembly resolution 34/180, annex.

13. *Invites* the Secretary-General to integrate in his reports information from relevant treaty-monitoring bodies, within their mandates, on their efforts to mainstream a gender perspective;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its special session a comparative report on how different categories of projects and programmes of United Nations organizations including women's interests and gender mainstreaming issues and on resources allocated in this regard;

15. *Recommends* that the United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank focus on gender issues in the *Human Development Report* and the *World Development Report* for the year 2000;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide by the end of 1999 a compilation of updated statistics and indicators on the situation of women and girls in countries around the world by issuing, for example, a volume of *The World's Women*;

17. *Calls upon* States, the United Nations and non-governmental organizations to undertake necessary measures with a view to providing appropriate information to the public on the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the process of preparations for the special session of the General Assembly;

18. *Emphasizes* the important role of non-governmental organizations in implementing the Platform for Action and the need for their active involvement in preparations for the special session as well as the need to ensure appropriate arrangements for their contributions to the special session;

19. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make available the necessary resources for the participation of the least developed countries at the special session in accordance with past practice.

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Pakistan: draft resolution

Global implications of the year 2000 date conversion problem of computers

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that the effective operation of Governments, companies and other organizations is threatened by the year 2000 date conversion problem of computers or "millennium bug",

Underlining the need for effective action to address the problem to be taken well in advance of the inflexible date of 31 December 1999, beyond which important systems might cease to function,

Recognizing the potentially serious impact that the year 2000 problem could have in all countries whose economies are increasingly interdependent,

Emphasizing that the year 2000 problem could affect both computer systems and much electronic control equipment containing embedded chips and internal clocks, with wide-ranging effects on such important areas as power supplies, telecommunications, financial systems, transport, public health, building and factory systems, food supplies, emergency services, the organization of social welfare and utilities,

Emphasizing also that coordinated efforts by Governments and private, public and international organizations are required to address the year 2000 problem,

Appreciating the establishment of a Trust Fund by the World Bank to assist in the efforts to resolve the year 2000 problem and the voluntary contributions made to it by the member States,

Appreciating the efforts of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics of the Economic and Social Council in raising the level of awareness of the year 2000 problem,

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1. *Requests* all Member States to attach a high priority to raising the level of awareness, both by ensuring that the private sector is fully engaged in addressing the year 2000 problem and by tackling the problem in those systems within their own control, and to consider, *inter alia*, the appointment of a nationwide coordinator for this purpose;

2. *Appeals* to all Member States to forge global cooperation to ensure a timely and effective response to the year 2000 challenge;

3. *Calls upon* Governments, public and private sector organizations and civil society to share locally, regionally and globally their experiences in addressing the year 2000 problem;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take steps to ensure that all parts of the United Nations system take measures to ensure that their computers and equipment with embedded microprocessors are year 2000 compliant well before the target date, and to put a mechanism in place to monitor actions and compliance;

5. *Calls upon* the Economic and Social Council to prepare at its substantive session of 1998 a United Nations plan of action incorporating guidelines on which Member States will be able to draw in addressing the diverse aspects of the year 2000 problem;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the United Nations system closely monitors actual and potential sources of funding to support the efforts of the developing countries and countries with economies in transition to address the year 2000 problem, and to facilitate the dissemination of relevant information on those funding possibilities to the Member States;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session on the steps taken within the United Nations system and with Member States to resolve this problem;

8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session an item entitled "Global implications of the year 2000 date conversion problem of computers".

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REVITALIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Draft decision submitted by the President of the General Assembly

The General Assembly, recalling its resolution 48/264 of 29 July 1994 and having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the revitalization of the work of the Assembly,[1] welcomes the views of the Presidents of the General Assembly at its forty-ninth, fiftieth and fifty-first sessions and expresses its appreciation to them for imparting their experience to the members of the Assembly, commends the efforts made by the Main Committees in the streamlining of their agenda and method of work, and, on the basis of the work already accomplished in this field and the suggestions made by the Presidents, decides to continue the consideration of the process of revitalization of the General Assembly at its fifty-third session.

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STRENGTHENING OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

Draft resolution submitted by the President of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Having considered the aspects concerning the organization of work of its regular sessions of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 51/241,[1]

Recalling its resolution 51/241 of 31 July 1997, whereby it adopted the recommendations of the Open-ended High-level Working Group on the Strengthening of the United Nations System as contained in the annex to the resolution,

Noting its resolution 36/67 of 30 November 1981, whereby it declared that the third Tuesday of September, the opening day of the regular sessions of the General Assembly, shall be officially proclaimed and observed as International Day of Peace and shall be devoted to commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples,

1. Decides that the fifty-second session of the General Assembly shall close on Tuesday, 8 September 1998, and that the fifty-third session of the General Assembly shall open on Wednesday, 9 September 1998;

2. Decides also that the International Day of Peace shall continue to be observed on the opening day of the regular session;

3. Decides further to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Strengthening of the United Nations system".

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[1] A/52/855.

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